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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. Of: TAKAHASHI et al.

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AMENDMENT B UNDER RULE 116

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Action mailed January 11, 2005.

Please amend the Application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 22 of this Amendment.

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